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HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report  
of the  
Medical Officer of Health  
for 1958

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To the Chairman and Members of the Hartley Wintney Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual health report for the year 1958.

It is my first duty to record the sad death of Doctor Walmsley, the Medical Officer of Health. The report relates to the period during which he was in charge; I will try to record my impressions from the statistics and records available.

Vital Statistics - The Registrar General's estimate of the population remains about the same as last year at 25,430. The number of births was 395 showing no change, but deaths recorded were only 218, a much lower figure than previously. Infant deaths, however, are once again slightly higher than the national average, the main cause of death being prematurity.

Infectious Diseases and prevention - The general health of the district continues to be satisfactory. There was a rise of dysentery and food poisoning notifications and the measles epidemic of 1957 continued into the early part of 1958. The number of cases of whooping cough is much lower than in previous years and this is the experience in the rest of the county - immunisation no doubt playing its part. There were no cases of poliomyelitis notified and no deaths from tuberculosis.

Immunisation and vaccination programmes were maintained at high levels. 385 primary doses of diphtheria and whooping cough vaccine were given representing over 90% of the infant births of the year and smallpox vaccinations were 91.4%. Poliomyelitis vaccination was stepped up as supplies of vaccine became more plentiful and at the 31st December 3,268 completed an initial course of two doses. Towards the end of the year the scheme was extended to the 15 - 25 age group, but the response from this group is not encouraging.

Sanitary Circumstances - The number of houses built by the Council and by private enterprise was higher and new applications for council houses were 164, 32 less than the previous year. The number of applications for certificates of disrepair under the Rent Act of 1957 is only 17 since the Act came into force. Improvement grant applications were also less than previously, 15 as against 34.

Stage I of the Yateley Sewerage scheme is completed and Stage II is nearing completion. Stage III awaits Ministry consent. A survey of the drainage arrangements in the parish of Eversley was carried out.

The Chief Public Health Inspector's report gave details of progress under the Food Hygiene Regulations and his meat inspections show a low incidence of tuberculosis. The first caravan site in the district was licensed, a high standard of conditions was attached to the licence.

I wish to thank the Health Committee and the Public Health Staff for their kindness and support, making my task during this interim period a pleasant one.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

P. L. KARNEY.



GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area.....	50,261 acres.
Population .....	25,430
Number of inhabited houses (Domestic).....	6,065
Sum represented by penny rate .....	£1,194
Rateable value.....	£306,740
General Rate .....	16s.6d

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births .....	395
Live birth rate per 1,000 population.....	15.43
Still-births .....	8
Still-births rate per 1,000 live and still-births..	19.8
Total live and still-births .....	403
Infant deaths .....	12
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births -total.	30.4
" " " " " " " " "Legitimate	30
" " " " " " " " "Illegitimate	37
Neonatal (first 4 weeks) rate per 1,000 live births	20.2
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births....	7.34
Maternal deaths (including abortion).....	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births....	Nil
Comparability factors.....(Births....	1.13
Deaths....	0.92

BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
Live births (Legitimate.....	180	188	368	377	362
(Illegitimate....	15	12	27	19	26
Birth rate per 1,000 pop. -					
(Crude)....			15.43	15.56	15.14
Ditto (Standardised).....			17.43	18.2	17.7
England and Wales.....			16.4	16.1	15.6

DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
Deaths from all causes.....	90	128	218	283	293
Death rate per 1,000 pop.-					
(Crude)....			8.57	11.12	11.4
Ditto (Standardised).....			7.88	9.23	9.34
England and Wales.....			11.7	11.5	11.7

Maternal Deaths.

From all causes.	Nil	1	Nil
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Deaths of Infants under 1 year

Legitimate.....	3	8	11	11	5
Illegitimate.....	0	1	1	0	1

Rate per 1,000 total live births.....	30.2	27.7	15.4
Rate for England and Wales..	22.5	23	23.7

<u>Causes of Infant Deaths.</u>	<u>Under 24</u> <u>hrs.</u>	<u>1 wk.</u>	<u>1-4wks.</u>	<u>1-3mths.</u>	<u>3-6mths.</u>
Congenital malformation.....	2	-	1	-	1
Prematurity.....	5	-	-	-	-
Respiratory.....	1	-	-	2	-

Still-births.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
Legitimate.....	4	2	6	7	8
Illegitimate.....	-	2	2	-	2
Rate per 1,000 total births			19.85	17.3	25.1
Rate for England and Wales.			21.6	22.4	22.9

Analysis of Causes of Death.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
T.B.Respiratory.....	0	0	0	1	0
T.B.Non-Pulmonary.....	0	0	0	0	0
Other infectious and parasitic diseases.....	0	1	1	2	0
Cancer- stomach.....	2	2	4	1	6
lungs.....	8	1	9	11	10
breast.....	0	6	6	5	4
uterus.....	0	2	2	4	1
Other malignant diseases...	7	11	18	16	30
Leukaemia.....	2	0	2	0	0
Diabetes.....	0	1	1	0	0
Vascular lesions of the nervous system.....	13	21	34	32	38
Coronary Disease.....	20	18	38	37	35
Hypertension.....	3	4	7	1	6
Other heart diseases....	8	22	30	53	65
Other circulatory diseases.	5	5	10	11	14
Influenza.....	0	0	0	5	6
Pneumonia.....	2	6	8	6	17
Bronchitis.....	1	1	2	10	12
Other diseases of the respiratory system.....	1	0	1	2	8
Ulcers of stomach and duodenum.....	0	1	1	1	4
Gastritis and Enteritis....	0	0	0	5	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis....	2	0	2	3	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate....	4	0	4	4	1
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion.....	0	0	0	1	0
Congenital Malformation....	2	2	4	2	0
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	4	18	22	28	23
Motor vehicle accidents....	4	2	6	7	3
All other accidents.....	1	2	3	30	8
Suicide.....	1	2	3	4	0
	90	128	218	283	293

NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

<u>NOTIFICATIONS.</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
T. B. Pulmonary.....	4	3	6
T. B. Non-Pulmonary.....	1	1	1
Dysentery.....	16	2	4
Food Poisoning.....	13	1	0
Scarlet Fever.....	18	21	18
Erysipelas.....	2	6	3
Pneumonia.....	11	9	5
Pueperal Pyrexia.....	3	2	0
Whooping Cough.....	17	50	56
Meningococcal Infection.....	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis (corrected).....	0	1	3
Poliomyelitis (paralytic).....	0	1	2
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)....	0	0	1
Measles.....	221	274	70
Malaria.....	1	0	0
	<u>307</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>169</u>

TUBERCULOSIS - New Cases and Deaths

<u>New Cases.</u>			<u>Deaths.</u>	
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>
1958..	4	1	0	0
1957..	3	1	1	0
1956..	6	1	0	0

FOOD POISONING.

The Annual Statistics as returned to the Registrar General were as follows:-

Food poisoning notifications as returned to Registrar General.....	1
Cases otherwise ascertained.....	4
Symptomless Excretors.....	2
Fatal Cases.....	<u>0</u>
	<u>7</u>

DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS PROPHYLAXIS.

	<u>Primary Doses</u>			<u>Booster Doses</u>		
	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Diphtheria vaccine..	14	13	27	65	19	46
Diphtheria and Whoop- ing Cough Vaccine.	256	141	40	57	118	53
Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus vaccine.....	49	238	307	1	23	40
Whooping Cough alone	4	2	11	4	0	0
	<u>323</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>139</u>

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

The total number of persons vaccinated since the introduction of this scheme, to 31st December, 1958 = 3,268. Vaccination has, during the year, now been made available to persons up to the age of 25 years and all persons are now receiving a third, or booster, dose.



SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

<u>Qtr/Ended</u>	<u>1958</u>		<u>1957</u>		<u>1956</u>	
	<u>Vacc.</u>	<u>Re-vacc.</u>	<u>Vacc.</u>	<u>Re-vacc.</u>	<u>Vacc.</u>	<u>Re-vacc.</u>
31st Dec....	124	33	137	47	142	49
30th Sept...	78	26	112	53	81	35
30th June...	136	37	121	37	101	37
31st March..	82	44	130	43	112	31
	420	140	500	180	436	152

The following is the percentage of children under twelve months successfully vaccinated, during the year 31st December, 1958.

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
Hartley Wintney R.D.C.....	91.4%	98.8%	98.8%
County Rate.....	67.8%	65.8%	60.2%



GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES.

The County Council is the Health Authority. The local District Health Sub-Committee are responsible for helping and advising on these services.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

Number of cases on books at 1.1.58..... 52  
 New cases from 1.1.58 to 31.12.58..... 108

Comprised of:- Maternity..... 32  
 General Sickness..... 24  
 Post Hospital..... 16  
 Child Care..... 8  
 Chronic Sick..... 7  
 Aged Sick..... 33  
 Aged and Infirm..... 39  
 Tuberculosis..... 1

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Total assisted in 1958 160

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The Divisional Organiser is Miss M. E. Reed, Market Chambers,  
 Church St., Basingstoke (Tel. 600)

DISTRICT MIDWIFERY AND HOME NURSING SERVICE.Annual Statistics for 1958.

	<u>CASES</u>		<u>VISITS</u>
	<u>General.</u>	<u>Maternity.</u>	
Crondall.....	37	27	1,285
Hartley Wintney.....	73	23	2,924
Mattingley.....	73	9	2,506
Odiham.....	132	40	4,098
Yateley.....	101	41	2,625

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951 - Section 47Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

Statutory action was taken under this section in respect of Miss Ruth Franks who resided in a caravan at Site 6, Yateley. She was removed and I was informed by the Area Welfare Officer that she had taken up a residential post at a Nursing Home for old ladies in Bournemouth after having received an excellent report on her progress from the Warden at The Gardens, Romsey.

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HOUSING

The Surveyor has kindly supplied the following information:-

PERMANENT HOUSES completed in 1958

Council Houses.....	56
Private Houses.....	107
TOTAL.....	<u>163</u>

HOUSES in construction 1.1.1959

Council Houses - Crondall.....	27
Yateley.....	10
TOTAL.....	<u>37</u>

POST-WAR HOUSES erected in district.

Council houses to end of 1958.....	1211
Private enterprise houses.....	657
Units of accommodation produced by conversion...	61
TOTAL.....	<u>1929</u>

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

Certificates of Disrepair issued.....	2
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Housing Improvement Grants for the period ending 31st March, 1959:-

Amount paid.....	£2,817
Number of properties....	15

SEWERAGE.

I am indebted to the Surveyor for the following information.

The Yateley Scheme - Stage 1 is completed; Stage II is nearing completion and Stage III is awaiting Ministry approval.

Improvements were completed during the year to twenty-one existing council houses at Crondall.

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BLACKBUSHE CIVIL AIRPORT.

PORT HEALTH REPORT.

Doctor Sharkey, the Airport Medical Officer, has kindly submitted the following information.

Doctor Sharkey writes -

"The Port Health Office has continued its activities on the same routine as in previous years. Two routine visits are carried out each week. In addition the medical officer is on call for inspection of aliens or cases of sickness when required.

On the whole the traffic was not so dense. Form Port 12 was rendered on five occasions when aliens came to enter the U.K. for pre-arranged medical treatment or specialist consultation.

Aliens arriving on Ministry of Labour permits to the number of 182 were examined - in no case was it found necessary to refuse entry on medical grounds.

As regards passengers arriving with acute illness of a communicable nature, things were very quiet. One case of Acute Parotitis arrived from West Africa on 1st February. On 1st June there was a case of tonsillitis. On 4th August there was a case of Pyrexia with Dysenteric symptoms and on 6th December a seaman of British nationality arrived from Beirut en route to his home in London with a diagnosis of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Notifiable cases were duly notified.

On 23rd April a dead rat was found on an aircraft returned from Tunisia. Steps were taken to have the aircraft disinfected and disinsected.

Form Port 17 and Form Port 18 for the previous twelve months were duly returned in January.

Disinsection of 50 aircraft was carried out during the year and certificates of disinsection were granted."

The following are the annual statistics.

Total No. of aliens (excluding crews) arriving.....	4136
Forces.....	8676
Total No. of aliens examined.....	187
Total number of aliens entered on Form Port 12 at request of Immigration Officer....	5





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HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S  
ANNUAL REPORT 1958  
on  
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF THE DISTRICT.

(General and ~~Wet~~ Scavenging Services to 31st March, 1959)

Public Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
Hartley Wintney,  
Hants.

G. C. MASLIN.  
Chief Public Health Inspector.



## HOUSING.

### HOUSING ACT, 1957.

During the year statutory action was taken on the following fourteen unfit properties, all of which were closed and are now unoccupied.

2 and 3, Robinsons Terrace, Heath Lane, Crondall.  
1, 2 and 3, Doras Green Cottages, Crondall.  
12, Elvetham Lane, Hartley Wintney.  
7, Church Cottages, Mattingley.  
Heather Bungalow, Vigo Lane, Yateley.  
Chivertons Cottage, Winchfield, Nr. Odiham.  
1 and 2, Poplars Farm Cottages, Rye Common, Odiham.  
1 and 2, Heatherside Cottages, Reading Road, Yateley.  
41, London Road, Blackwater.

Only one owner appeared before the Committee as a result of the Time and Place notices served by the Council, the remainder being dealt with by interviews and letter. In addition the eight properties listed below were dealt with and demolished.

The Old Garage, Dipley, Hartley Wintney.  
2 Cottages, Whitehall, Odiham.  
White Cottage, Holt Lane, Hook.  
1-4 Meadow Cottages, N. Warnborough.

The first three were burnt, the culprit being apprehended by the police; no further Cat. 5 cottages received similar treatment. The remaining five properties were demolished in normal manner by the private owners.

As previously recorded 91 properties were considered as Cat. 5 (unfit) in the Ministry return of August, 1955. Of these only four occupied cottages (in two cases by elderly people living alone) set out below remain to be dealt with.

Cottage, Froyle Lane, Long Sutton.  
Thatch Cottage, Nownham Road, Hook.  
Bellropes, Chalk Pit, Odiham.  
Cottage, Up Green, Eversley.

The total number of unfit properties dealt with since August, 1955 numbers 114 of which the Council has rehoused 21 tenants (excluding hutments). These can be summarised as follows:-

Properties demolished	...	...	...	...	30
Properties restored..	...	...	...	...	17
(Plans have been approved for a further 15)					
Premises converted for other use.	...	...	...	...	10
Premises where statutory action taken and are					
			void	...	53
Ditto (occupied)	...	...	...	...	<u>4</u>
					114

Improvements and conversions of old cottages are still continuing at a satisfactory rate and the policy of preserving as many as possible is encouraged and every assistance is given to owners where the condition of the house deserves it. In last year's annual report the reason why many properties have been saved over the last thirty years was given but individual unfit properties due to normal deterioration will continue to be found. The main problem of the future in this district and many others will be the structurally sound, but nevertheless sub-standard, property, usually 50-70 years old. These thoughts were in the forefront at this years Annual Conference when a resolution was passed that the Minister of Housing and Local Government ..... "be requested to introduce legislation empowering local authorities to enforce the improvement of houses so as to satisfy modern



standards of comfort and convenience and to give statutory recognition to the 1946 Standards of Fitness for Habitation"....

The standard referred to requires, among other things that a dwelling should have a hot water system, water closet, bath, proper drainage system, cooking and domestic washing facilities and satisfactory heating arrangements. It is in fact the standard used for the purpose of making improvement grants under the Housing Act. At the time of writing this report there is a Bill before Parliament which will allow local authorities to give grants for specific items of improvement, e.g., a water closet, or a bath, instead of all the facilities required at present. Whether this will be the answer to these ageing Victorian properties remains to be seen.

#### COUNCIL HOUSING - LETTING.

The number of new applications received during the year was 164, 32 less than the previous year. This is the actual number considered by the Letting Sub-Committee and does not include the number of enquiries received by the Department. The applications were dealt with as follows:-

Placed on the Council's 'A' Housing List ... ..	66
Placed on the Council's 'B' Housing List ... ..	31
Number of applications refused.. ... ..	<u>67</u>
	<u>164</u>

All applicants are notified by letter whether they are on the 'A' or 'B' list and the reason if their application has been unsuccessful. Considerable care is taken to ensure that all the facts supporting a person's claim are given and are accurate to enable the Committee to reach a fair and equitable decision. The number of vacancies that occurred during this period was 32 which is approximately 2% of the total dwellings owned by the Council. This figure breaks down for the following parishes:-

Yateley ... ..	15
Hartley Wintney.. ...	7
South Warnborough ...	3
Eversley ... ..	2
Greywell ... ..	1
Winchfield.. ...	1
Dogmersfield ... ..	1
Odiham. ... ..	1
Hawley. ... ..	1
	<u>32</u>

It will be observed that no casual vacancies occurred in Hook, Mattingley, Crondall or Crookham. The number of applications on the 'A' list (including flats) on 1st March 1959 was 125.

In addition to casual vacancies and transfers 19 exchanges also took place.

#### RENT ACT, 1957.

The number of applications for certificates of disrepair was 11, but only in two cases were certificates issued by the Council. Many tenants probably do not know of the requirements contained in the Act, although it was publicised on a national scale when first introduced. The applications have been much less than anticipated, the Council having received only 17 since the Act came into force.



PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

The duties of the department include the repair and improvement of privately owned houses throughout the district and in our returns to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government 104 properties were shown as having been dealt with by informal action. It was not found necessary to serve any statutory notices.

Drainage. A detailed survey of the drainage arrangements in the parish of Eversley, involving visits to 231 properties, was carried out; a special report on this matter was submitted to the Council.

Water Supplies. Bacteriological water samples have been taken from independent water supplies as follows:-

Parish	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Eversley	2	-
Hartley Wintney	-	3
Heckfield	1	4
Mattingley	-	1
Yateley	1	-

Following unsatisfactory results from the wells on Dipley Common, Hartley Wintney, negotiations are well in hand for the extension of the mains water to this area.

The Springwell area, Heckfield, where unsatisfactory conditions exist has been surveyed and reported upon. The Stratfield Saye Estate is negotiating with the Council for an extension of the water main to properties in the area.

Section 269 - Moveable Dwellings. The first caravan site in the district at Blackbushe Park, Dunggells Lane, Yateley, was licensed during the year; a high standard of conditions was attached to the licence and also strict measures are enforced by the owner. At the end of the year 19 vans were occupied on the site out of a licensed maximum of 40.

One site at Blackwater closed during the year and the conditions at the White Hart Site, Blackwater, have been improved.

Routine visits are made to all caravans and where necessary written notices are served. The following table shows the caravans in each parish at the end of the year, an increase of 13 over 1957.

Parish	Licences Issued.	Caravans on site.
Bramshill	-	-
Crookham	3	1
Crondall	5	4
Dogmersfield	1	1
Eversley	3	3
Greywell	-	-
Hartley Wintney	8	6
Hawley	68	44
Heckfield	-	-
Hook	11	7
Long Sutton	1	1
Mattingley	4	3
Odiham	13	11
Rotherwick	-	-
S. Warnborough	-	-
Winchfield	1	-
Yateley	28	34 inc. Black-
		bushe Park
TOTAL:	146	115

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

The following is a list of food premises in the district:-

Cafes and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	25
Hotels and Public Houses..	...	...	...	...	70
Butchers and Fishmongers..	...	...	...	...	20
General Provision Shops...	...	...	...	...	52
Grocers	...	...	...	...	9
Confectioners...	...	...	...	...	8
Miscellaneous (Schools, Canteens, Hospitals)					<u>44</u>
					228

Several new premises were opened during the year which included one new cafe in Crondall, one grocers shop in Yateley and a butchers shop in Hook. Initial inspection details have been obtained of all food handling premises. The year has shown a marked improvement in the structural condition and the standard of hygiene in premises and this is in no small measure due to the enforcement of the Food Regulations supported by public opinion for improved standards. Change of ownership of several establishments has also enabled your staff to request improvements. With the increasing use of prepacked goods and refrigerated display counters the possibility of contamination has been reduced; constant supervision however must still be given as personal hygiene standards cannot be too high especially in large canteens and kitchens. The rectifying of defects has been mainly achieved by patient visits and interviews and without recourse to court proceedings.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Post mortem and, where possible, ante mortem examination of all animals slaughtered in the district was carried out. There was an increase of 17% in the number of animals slaughtered over the previous year.

The incidence of general disease also shows an increase mainly due to the number of casualties admitted to the slaughterhouse.

No case of Cysticercus Bovis was found and the incidence of tuberculosis is at a relatively low level.

During the year new legislation in the form of the Slaughterhouse Act 1958 was introduced. Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations have been prepared and become effective from 1st January, 1959. These regulations are based on similar lines to those of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

	Cattle Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs	Goats	TOTAL
Number Killed	126	42	111	262	3	544
Number Inspected	..... 100% .....					
<u>All Diseases (Except T.B. &amp; C.Bovis.)</u>						
Whole Carcase	-	-	2	1	-	
Part or Organ	17	1	2	6	-	
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole Carcase	-	-	-	-	-	
Part or Organ	1	-	-	4	-	
<u>C. Bovis Only</u>						
Whole Carcase	-	-	-	-	-	
Part or Organ	-	-	-	-	-	



Incidence of disease in cattle excluding lungs and intestines and other organs not used for human consumption ... ..	13.5%
Tuberculosis Rate ... ..	0.92%
Overall Disease Rate.. ... ..	6.4%

KNACKERS YARD - Patrick Farm, Hook.

Regular inspections have been made of these licensed premises and all records are up to date. They are well maintained and all functions are properly carried out.

The following is the number of animals dealt with at these premises and shows an increase of approximately 21% over 1958.

Horses ... ..	21
Cattle ... ..	311
Calves ... ..	129
Pigs. ... ..	32
Goats ... ..	3
Sheep ... ..	26
Donkeys ... ..	3
Deer. ... ..	1
	<u>526</u>

UNSOOUND FOOD.

There has been no unusual quantity or items of unsound food to be rejected during the year and the table below gives the amount of unfit food dealt with.

Chilled Beef ... ..	164 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Fish. ... ..	95 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
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## HOUSING.

### HOUSING ACT, 1957.

During the year statutory action was taken on the following fourteen unfit properties, all of which were closed and are now unoccupied.

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1, 2 and 3, Doras Green Cottages, Crondall.  
12, Elvetham Lane, Hartley Wintney.  
7, Church Cottages, Mattingley.  
Heather Bungalow, Vigo Lane, Yateley.  
Chivertons Cottage, Winchfield, Nr. Odiham.  
1 and 2, Poplars Farm Cottages, Rye Common, Odiham.  
1 and 2, Heatherside Cottages, Reading Road, Yateley.  
41, London Road, Blackwater.

Only one owner appeared before the Committee as a result of the Time and Place notices served by the Council, the remainder being dealt with by interviews and letter. In addition the eight properties listed below were dealt with and demolished.

The Old Garage, Dipley, Hartley Wintney.  
2 Cottages, Whitehall, Odiham.  
White Cottage, Holt Lane, Hook.  
1-4 Meadow Cottages, N. Warnborough.

The first three were burnt, the culprit being apprehended by the police; no further Cat. 5 cottages received similar treatment. The remaining five properties were demolished in normal manner by the private owners.

As previously recorded 91 properties were considered as Cat. 5 (unfit) in the Ministry return of August, 1955. Of these only four occupied cottages (in two cases by elderly people living alone) set out below remain to be dealt with.

Cottage, Froyle Lane, Long Sutton.  
Thatch Cottage, Newnham Road, Hook.  
Bellropes, Chalk Pit, Odiham.  
Cottage, Up Green, Eversley.

The total number of unfit properties dealt with since August, 1955 numbers 114 of which the Council has rehoused 21 tenants (excluding hutments). These can be summarised as follows:-

Properties demolished	...	...	...	...	30
Properties restored..	...	...	...	...	17
(Plans have been approved for a further 15)					
Premises converted for other use.	...	...	...	...	10
Premises where statutory action taken and are					
			void	...	53
Ditto (occupied)	...	...	...	....	<u>4</u>
					<u>114</u>

Improvements and conversions of old cottages are still continuing at a satisfactory rate and the policy of preserving as many as possible is encouraged and every assistance is given to owners where the condition of the house deserves it. In last year's annual report the reason why many properties have been saved over the last thirty years was given but individual unfit properties due to normal deterioration will continue to be found. The main problem of the future in this district and many others will be the structurally sound, but nevertheless sub-standard, property, usually 50-70 years old. These thoughts were in the forefront at this years Annual Conference when a resolution was passed that the Minister of Housing and Local Government ..... "be requested to introduce legislation empowering local authorities to enforce the improvement of houses so as to satisfy modern



standards of comfort and convenience and to give statutory recognition to the 1946 Standards of Fitness for Habitation"....

The standard referred to requires, among other things that a dwelling should have a hot water system, water closet, bath, proper drainage system, cooking and domestic washing facilities and satisfactory heating arrangements. It is in fact the standard used for the purpose of making improvement grants under the Housing Act. At the time of writing this report there is a Bill before Parliament which will allow local authorities to give grants for specific items of improvement, e.g., a water closet, or a bath, instead of all the facilities required at present. Whether this will be the answer to those ageing Victorian properties remains to be seen.

#### COUNCIL HOUSING - LETTING.

The number of new applications received during the year was 164, 32 less than the previous year. This is the actual number considered by the Letting Sub-Committee and does not include the number of enquiries received by the Department. The applications were dealt with as follows:-

Placed on the Council's 'A' Housing List ... ..	66
Placed on the Council's 'B' Housing List ... ..	31
Number of applications refused... ..	67
	<u>164</u>

All applicants are notified by letter whether they are on the 'A' or 'B' list and the reason if their application has been unsuccessful. Considerable care is taken to ensure that all the facts supporting a person's claim are given and are accurate to enable the Committee to reach a fair and equitable decision. The number of vacancies that occurred during this period was 32 which is approximately 2% of the total dwellings owned by the Council. This figure breaks down for the following parishes:-

Yateley ... ..	15
Hartley Wintney.. ...	7
South Warnborough ...	3
Eversley ... ..	2
Greywell ... ..	1
Winchfield.. ...	1
Dogmersfield ... ..	1
Odiham. ... ..	1
Hawley. ... ..	1
	<u>32</u>

It will be observed that no casual vacancies occurred in Hook, Mattingley, Crondall or Crookham. The number of applications on the 'A' list (including flats) on 1st March 1959 was 125.

In addition to casual vacancies and transfers 19 exchanges also took place.

#### RENT ACT, 1957.

The number of applications for certificates of disrepair was 11, but only in two cases were certificates issued by the Council. Many tenants probably do not know of the requirements contained in the Act, although it was publicised on a national scale when first introduced. The applications have been much less than anticipated, the Council having received only 17 since the Act came into force.



PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

The duties of the department include the repair and improvement of privately owned houses throughout the district and in our returns to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government 104 properties were shown as having been dealt with by informal action. It was not found necessary to serve any statutory notices.

Drainage. A detailed survey of the drainage arrangements in the parish of Eversley, involving visits to 231 properties, was carried out; a special report on this matter was submitted to the Council.

Water Supplies. Bacteriological water samples have been taken from independent water supplies as follows:-

Parish	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Eversley	2	-
Hartley Wintney	-	3
Heckfield	1	4
Mattingley	-	1
Yateley	1	-

Following unsatisfactory results from the wells on Dipley Common, Hartley Wintney, negotiations are well in hand for the extension of the mains water to this area.

The Springwell area, Heckfield, where unsatisfactory conditions exist has been surveyed and reported upon. The Stratfield Saye Estate is negotiating with the Council for an extension of the water main to properties in the area.

Section 269 - Moveable Dwellings. The first caravan site in the district at Blackbushe Park, Duncells Lane, Yateley, was licensed during the year; a high standard of conditions was attached to the licence and also strict measures are enforced by the owner. At the end of the year 19 vans were occupied on the site out of a licensed maximum of 40.

One site at Blackwater closed during the year and the conditions at the White Hart Site, Blackwater, have been improved.

Routine visits are made to all caravans and where necessary written notices are served. The following table shows the caravans in each parish at the end of the year, an increase of 13 over 1957.

Parish	Licences Issued.	Caravans on site.
Bramshill	-	-
Crookham	3	1
Cromdell	5	4
Dogmersfield	1	1
Eversley	3	3
Greywell	-	-
Hartley Wintney	8	6
Hawley	68	44
Heckfield	-	-
Hook	11	7
Long Sutton	1	1
Mattingley	4	3
Odiham	13	11
Rotherwick	-	-
S. Warnborough	-	-
Winchfield	1	-
Yateley	28	34 inc. Black-
		bushe Park
TOTAL:	146	115

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

The following is a list of food premises in the district:-

Cafes and Restaurants ... ..	25
Hotels and Public Houses.. ..	70
Butchers and Fishmongers.. ..	20
General Provision Shops... ..	52
Greengrocers ... ..	9
Confectioners... ..	8
Miscellaneous (Schools, Canteens, Hospitals)	44
	<u>228</u>

Several new premises were opened during the year which included one new cafe in Crondall, one grocers shop in Yateley and a butchers shop in Hook. Initial inspection details have been obtained of all food handling premises. The year has shown a marked improvement in the structural condition and the standard of hygiene in premises and this is in no small measure due to the enforcement of the Food Regulations supported by public opinion for improved standards. Change of ownership of several establishments has also enabled your staff to request improvements. With the increasing use of prepacked goods and refrigerated display counters the possibility of contamination has been reduced; constant supervision however must still be given as personal hygiene standards cannot be too high especially in large canteens and kitchens. The rectifying of defects has been mainly achieved by patient visits and interviews and without recourse to court proceedings.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Post mortem and, where possible, ante mortem examination of all animals slaughtered in the district was carried out. There was an increase of 17% in the number of animals slaughtered over the previous year.

The incidence of general disease also shows an increase mainly due to the number of casualties admitted to the slaughterhouse.

No case of *Cysticercus Bovis* was found and the incidence of tuberculosis is at a relatively low level.

During the year new legislation in the form of the Slaughterhouse Act 1958 was introduced. Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations have been prepared and become effective from 1st January, 1959. These regulations are based on similar lines to those of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

	Cattle Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs	Goats	TOTAL
Number Killed	126	42	111	262	3	544
Number Inspected	100%					
<u>All Diseases (Except T.B. &amp; C.Bovis.)</u>						
Whole Carcase	-	-	2	1	-	
Part or Organ	17	1	2	6	-	
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Incidence of disease in cattle excluding lungs and intestines and other organs not used for human consumption ... ..	13.5%
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Overall Disease Rate.. ... ..	6.4%

KNACKERS YARD - Patrick Farm, Hook.

Regular inspections have been made of these licensed premises and all records are up to date. They are well maintained and all functions are properly carried out.

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Horses ... ..	21
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